



# Park Ranger Programs September 2014



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## Program Descriptions

### Acadia's Birds\*

3 hours, reservations required

Join a birding caravan to find, identify, and discuss some of Acadia's most fascinating birds on this easy walk/drive. Bring binoculars.

### Autumn Ramble

1 1/2 hours, Sieur de Monts Nature Center

Discover what is happening to the forest and its inhabitants as the season changes on this easy 1-mile (1.6 km) walk.

### Beaver's World\*

1 1/2 hours, reservations required

Join us at dusk to learn about and look for these amazing animal architects. Ask about accessibility.

### Beech Mountain Hike

3 hours, Beech Mountain parking area

Uncover the wilds while hiking through lichen-draped forests and steep, rocky outcrops on this moderate to strenuous 2.5-mile (4 km) hike.

### Blackwoods Show

1 hour, Blackwoods Campground Amphitheater

Check campground bulletin boards or the visitor center for a complete listing of program topics. Parking area near the amphitheater accommodates non-campers.

### Cadillac Summit Walk

1 hour, Cadillac Summit parking area

Enjoy views from atop the highest point on the eastern seaboard and gain a new perspective on Acadia's beauty on this easy, 1/2-mile (0.8 km) walk.

### Focus on Acadia\*

3 hours, reservations required

Bring your camera and learn valuable tips and techniques to capture Acadia's beauty. May include travel to various points in the park on this easy walk/drive.

### Gorham Mountain Hike

2 1/2 hours, Gorham Mountain parking area

Reward yourself with views of Acadia's coastline from the top of a granite mountain on this moderate 2-mile (3.2 km) hike. Be prepared for rocky trail conditions.

### Green Kingdom

1 1/2 hours, Sieur de Monts

Investigate the intricate and beautiful world of Acadia's flora on this easy, 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk.

### Hawk Watch

3 hours, drop-in, Cadillac North Ridge Trail, 200 yards (180 m) from Cadillac summit parking area

Join rangers and volunteers at the perfect vantage point to learn about raptor migration. Assist in counting and identifying birds of prey as they fly by.

### Headland Hike

3 hours, Sand Beach parking area

Learn how to read the geologic and cultural story in Acadia's dramatic landscape on this moderate, rocky 2-mile (3.2 km) hike.

### Life Between the Tides\*

2 hours, Reservations required

Take an in-depth look at the fascinating inhabitants of Acadia's tidepools.

Fees: \$10 adults, \$5 ages 5-12

### Missing Mansion

1 1/2 hours, Compass Harbor parking area 1 mile (1.6 km) south of Bar Harbor on Route 3. Look for orange cones.

Explore the site of George Dorr's former mansion on this easy 1/2-mile (0.8 km) walk. Look for clues and learn about the man who helped create our national park.

### Mr. Rockefeller's Bridges

2 1/2 hours, Parkman Mountain parking area

Follow tree-lined carriage roads to beautiful stone bridges. Explore the stories behind John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s gift to Acadia on this easy 1.5-mile (2.4 km) walk.

### Ocean Path Walk

2 hours, Gorham Mountain parking area

Discover stories of history and nature along the strikingly scenic Otter Cliff section of Ocean Path on this easy to moderate 2-mile (3.2 km) walk.

### Stars Over Sand Beach

1 hour, Sand Beach

Sit back and learn about Acadia's amazing night sky. Dress warmly, bring something to lay on, and please minimize flashlight use to preserve night vision.

**\*Make reservations at Halls Cove Visitor Center or call (207) 288-8832 no more than 3 days in advance.**

## Boat Cruises

### Baker Island Cruise

4.5 hours, Harbor Place, 1 West Street, Bar Harbor

Spot seabirds and marine mammals on a cruise along coastal Acadia. Explore beautiful Baker Island on a moderate hike, viewing historic homesteads, a lighthouse, and geology.

Fees and reservations: \$46 adults, \$27 children 6-14, \$9 children 5 and under.

(207) 288-2386 [www.barharborwhales.com](http://www.barharborwhales.com)

### Frenchman Bay Cruise

1 1/2-2 hours, Bar Harbor Inn Pier

Climb aboard a majestic 151-foot (46 m), four-masted schooner and hoist sails in search of wildlife and history.

Fees and reservations: \$37.50 adults, \$35 seniors (65+), \$27.50 ages 6-11, \$5 ages 2-5, infants free.

Group rates (15+) are available.

(207) 288-4585 [www.downtownwindjammer.com](http://www.downtownwindjammer.com)

### Islesford Historic & Scenic Cruise

2 3/4 hours, Municipal Pier, Northeast Harbor

Explore the connections between people and the sea with a visit to the Islesford Historical Museum on Little Cranberry Island. Along the way, look for wildlife and explore Somes Sound.

Fees and reservations: \$28 adults, \$26 seniors (65+), \$18 ages 5-11, \$7 ages under 5, infants free

(207) 276-5352 [www.cruiseacadia.com](http://www.cruiseacadia.com)

## Cultural Connections

### Drop-in demonstrations

Programs are offered in partnership with the Abbe Museum, are sponsored by Dawnland, LLC, and are free and open to the public.

Rain location: Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor 207-288-3519

### Martha Newell, Passamaquoddy, Beadworking

September 3, 11 am-3 pm, Sieur de Monts Nature Center

### George Neptune, Passamaquoddy, Birchbark canoe and basketry demonstration

September 10, 11 am-3 pm, Jordan Pond House Lawn

### David Moses Bridges, Passamaquoddy, Ash basketry and birchbark canoe demonstration

September 17, 11 am-3 pm, Jordan Pond House Lawn

## Acadia Night Sky Festival

September 25-29, 2014

The 6th annual Acadia Night Sky Festival is a community celebration to promote the protection and enjoyment of Downeast/Acadia's stellar night sky as a valuable natural resource through education, science, and the arts. Events include talks, night hikes, cruises, photo workshops, movies, and a portable planetarium. For details pick up a festival brochure or visit: [www.acadianightskyfestival.org](http://www.acadianightskyfestival.org).

## September Tide Chart

Day	High		Low		Sunrise	Sunset
	AM	PM	AM	PM		
1	3:36	3:57	9:43	10:19	5:55	7:10
2	4:28	4:50	10:34	11:17	5:56	7:08
3	5:27	5:50	11:33		5:57	7:06
4	6:30	6:54	12:19	12:37	5:58	7:04
5	7:35	7:58	1:23	1:43	5:59	7:02
6	8:37	9:00	2:25	2:45	6:00	7:00
7	9:35	9:57	3:24	3:44	6:02	6:59
8	10:29	10:52	4:18	4:40	6:03	6:57
9	11:20	11:45	5:10	5:33	6:04	6:55
10		12:11	6:00	6:26	6:05	6:53
11	12:37	1:01	6:50	7:18	6:06	6:51
12	1:29	1:51	7:40	8:11	6:07	6:49
13	2:21	2:43	8:31	9:05	6:09	6:47
14	3:16	3:38	9:25	10:02	6:10	6:46
15	4:14	4:35	10:22	11:01	6:11	6:44
16	5:14	5:35	11:21		6:12	6:42
17	6:15	6:35	12:02	12:22	6:13	6:40
18	7:15	7:34	1:02	1:22	6:14	6:38
19	8:11	8:28	1:58	2:18	6:15	6:36
20	9:00	9:17	2:49	3:08	6:17	6:34
21	9:45	10:01	3:35	3:53	6:18	6:32
22	10:24	10:41	4:16	4:34	6:19	6:31
23	11:01	11:18	4:54	5:11	6:20	6:29
24	11:35	11:53	5:29	5:47	6:21	6:27
25		12:08	6:02	6:22	6:23	6:25
26	12:28	12:42	6:35	6:58	6:24	6:23
27	1:04	1:17	7:10	7:35	6:25	6:21
28	1:43	1:57	7:47	8:17	6:26	6:19
29	2:26	2:41	8:30	9:03	6:27	6:17
30	3:14	3:31	9:18	9:56	6:28	6:16

## General Information

### Halls Cove Visitor Center

8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Sieur de Monts Nature Center

9 am-5 pm

### Mailing Address

PO Box 177

Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0177

[acadia\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:acadia_information@nps.gov)

[www.nps.gov/acad](http://www.nps.gov/acad)

### Information

(207) 288-3338

### Lost and Found

(207) 288-8791

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS](http://www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS)



### Twitter

[www.twitter.com/AcadiaNPS](http://www.twitter.com/AcadiaNPS)



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